

Statement of Representative Anna G. Eshoo
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Full Committee Markup of H.R. 1321, H.R. 2017, H.R. 3014, H.R.
3537, H.R. 3716, H.R. 3821, H.J. Res. 71, H.J. Res. 72 and S. 611
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Mr. Chairman, thank you for calling this markup. I welcome the Committee's consideration of several bipartisan bills relating to microbeads and small public water systems. What I cannot support are the two Congressional Review Act resolutions to nullify the EPA's Clean Power Plan.

Climate change is real and it is a threat to the way of life for billions of people worldwide. The first nine months of 2015 were the warmest on record, and these higher temperatures have contributed to the drought and wildfires that have ravaged my home state of California over the past five years. These are simply the facts.

It's also a fact that the costs of failing to address climate change grow with every year that we fail to take action. The White House Council on Economic Advisers calculated that failing to meet our climate goals will cost the U.S. \$150 billion per year in reduced economic output, and each decade of ignoring climate change

increases the costs of mitigation by 40 percent. That works out to a nearly \$500 tax on every American each year, increasing by 40 percent each decade.

With Congress failing to act on climate change, the Administration is taking strong action which I support. And in less than two weeks, representatives from over 160 countries will travel to Paris to negotiate a landmark agreement to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on a global scale. Countries that make up nearly 90 percent of global GHG emissions have submitted pledges to cut their emissions, including major polluters such as China, India, and the United States.

In the face of this global recognition of the threat of climate change and the response needed, the two resolutions before the Committee today would invalidate a key part of our nation's contribution toward reducing global GHG emissions and prevent any future EPA regulation of carbon emissions from power plants. This is a cynical and transparent attempt to influence the Paris negotiations and I believe it would diminish our nation considerably in the world community. I urge my colleagues to oppose these resolutions of disapproval.